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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, U.S. Capitol
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Central Library Reconstruction in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Burbank, located at 275 East Olive Avenue, Burbank, California 91502. The funding would be used for construction of a replacement library as the centerpiece of the Burbank Public Library system to address critical maintenance, environmental, accessibility, and operational deficiencies of the current building.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Burbank's public libraries serve 800,000 people annually, and offer jobs and career training, social services, afterschool programs, and access to broadband to the community. The reconstruction of the Central Library would provide clear economic benefits to the region and support skills training for hundreds of thousands of people, both in-person and online.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 55305(a)(2). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Laura Friedman
Member of Congress